



Dear 11th grade student,

How our city grows and changes depends upon people like you. The more you understand how your city government works, the more valuable your input will be. Informed students can make better decisions about the future of their city.

You can learn more about how your city government functions by participating in Chula Vista's Citizens' Youth Leadership Academy (CYLA). The Academy will provide high school Juniors with an inside look at city programs, services, policies and issues. It will highlight career opportunities available to students who graduate from high school and will help you understand the necessary training and education needed for jobs in public service and other sectors as you make plans for your senior year, graduation, career training and/or college. In short, graduation works!

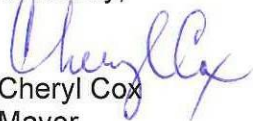
During a series of six evening sessions, participants will tour city facilities, meet elected officials and interact with department heads and frontline staff. Academy members will look at Chula Vista's major projects during a Saturday morning bus tour with me. Sessions include police and fire safety, conservation, city finance, planning, recreation, road improvements and library services. Informative discussions will be combined with interactive exercises.

The Academy is open to 11th grade students who are Chula Vista residents or attend high schools in Chula Vista. The Academy will be held on Wednesday evenings from February 12 to March 19, 2014 (2/12; 2/19; 2/26; 3/5; 3/12; 3/19) at City Hall (276 Fourth Avenue) from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with a Saturday morning bus tour on March 8. A complimentary dinner will be served at 5 p.m. at each evening session. A study hall will be available from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Students will receive 20 hours of community service credit upon successfully completing the program.

To be considered, one letter of recommendation from a teacher, school counselor or school administrator must be submitted along with a completed application. You may submit your application online at www.chulavistaca.gov/goto/cyla - via email to jquijano@chulavistaca.gov - fax to (619) 476-5379 or mail to Office of The Mayor, 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91910. Your application and letter of recommendation must be submitted by 5 p.m., Wednesday, January 22, 2014. Selected applicants will be notified the week of January 27, 2014.

The Citizens' Youth Leadership Academy is an exciting opportunity for the City of Chula Vista and its youth leaders for a behind-the-scenes look at city government. Walmart has generously underwritten this Academy. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Quijano in the Mayor's office at jquijano@chulavistaca.gov or at (619) 409-5812.

Sincerely,


Cheryl Cox
Mayor